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- 25X1 1. [] Called Cliff Hackett, on the staff of House
Foreign Affairs, and told him we checked with the field and found that the
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but was passing to the Embassy such information as it turned up on this
subject. I suggested that Hackett should therefore raise the question with the
State Department, to which he agreed.
- 25X1 2. [] Called James Halmo, Deputy Assistant
Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, to ask whether they had
received a letter from Senator Ervin (D., N.C.) inquiring about executive
agreements, and how they propose to reply. Halmo said that Charles Bevans,
Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, was the expert on this subject
and suggested we talk to him. I passed this word on to Mr. Houston, General
Counsel, who will get in touch with Bevans.
- 25X1 3. [] Called Rady Johnson, Assistant to the
Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), about Senator Ervin's request on
executive agreements. Johnson said Defense General Counsel, Fred Buzhardt,
was going to handle it, and was planning to testify on the matter. I asked
Johnson if he knew of any accepted definition of executive agreement. He said
he did not. I said I would ask Larry Houston to call Buzhardt.
- 25X1 4. [] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services
Committee staff, called regarding articles in the New York Post on 29 March
and the Chicago Sun-Times on 28 March stating that Mr. John McCone was
supporting the Cooper bill which provided for dissemination of intelligence
information to the Congress. Goldsmith was interested in any information
we had on the basis of these two articles. I called him back later and told
him we knew of no basis for these statements except the possibility that
someone had seen Mr. McCone's name on the list of possible witnesses
favorable to this legislation, but we had no information as to whether or not
Mr. McCone would, in fact, testify.

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5. [] Called John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff, to see what the White House attitude was on the Ervin inquiry. Lehman said that Fred Fielding and John Deane, of the White House staff, were handling this and he would have Fielding call me. Lehman recalled that the question of executive agreements had come up previously in connection with the Cooper bill which the community representatives, in the LIG meeting, had strongly opposed. He said he understood that the State Department was preparing a reply to Senator Ervin in behalf of all executive agencies, and asked whether I agreed on this solution. I said not unless I knew what State was going to say. Lehman said he would send us a draft and we could rewrite it as we saw fit. He said if there were any differences after that with the agencies, we should meet with John Deane. He added that the White House was particularly concerned to protect any intelligence agreements from congressional probing. I asked him if this meant he would invoke executive privilege if this is necessary. He said yes.

Lehman then brought up the question of the Cooper bill on making intelligence information available to Congress. I suggested he review the transcript of the hearings with Pete Scoville and Chet Cooper last week. In response to his question I said I thought the bill would be reported out by Foreign Relations but possibly held up by Armed Services which also had a slice of it. I added I thought it might run into opposition in the House. Lehman asked what they should be doing and I suggested some discreet lobbying, emphasizing the importance of keeping intelligence material from becoming the subject of political controversy. He said Kissinger had seen Stennis last week and hoped to keep in closer touch with Stennis in the future. He said he would try to get Kissinger to raise this question with Stennis at the first opportunity.

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6. [] Received a call from Mr. Loring Wagner, Laos Desk, AID, who expressed an interest in meeting with us to go over testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning relationships between the CIA and AID in Laos. Later in the day, however, he canceled his request saying that Mr. Levine of his office had gotten the necessary information from [] DDP.

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7. [] Delivered several brochures about the Agency to Margie Krepper, on the staff of Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), for her to use in responding to a constituent's inquiry.

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8. [] Spoke with Martin Wolf, Press Secretary to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who asked that we continue to send the Senator [] until further notice. Arrangements were made []

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9. [] Delivered a suggested reply to Dale Southerland, on the staff of Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), in response to questions a constituent, [] had asked concerning the Agency's providing funds to students in return for information. Mrs. Southerland said the reply would be adequate.

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10. [] Libby Reynolds, in the office of Representative Jack Kemp (R., N. Y.), called and said that the 18th had been selected as the tentative date for the breakfast-briefing of Kemp and his colleagues, and that she will give us a progress report early next week when the members return from the Easter recess.

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11. [] Received a call from Mr. Gordon Murchie, USIA, who told me that the Director of USIA has received a listing of some 90 questions from Chairman Fulbright, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as a followup to their appearance before the Committee. The two questions that require Agency assistance in answering ask, in effect, the date when USIA was told of CIA sponsorship of the Radios. I told Murchie that in effect USIA would have been on constructive notice from the beginning since this was a responsibility that was determined at the policy level of Government. Mr. Murchie will forward a copy of the appropriate questions. I told him we will advise after we have reviewed the questions.

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12. [] Received a call from Mr. David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, who told me that the Committee has received a very helpful letter from the State Department that will be used as an introduction in the publication of the Nkrumah articles. He asked if we could provide a second copy of the articles which is necessary for publication. If the additional copies are not available, they will have to xerox. I told him I would relay the question and be back in touch in the morning. See Journal of 26 January 1972.

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